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SUBJECT: NEUTROM BOMB PRESS COMMENT

1. NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL WRITES FOR JULY 22 ABC (CONSERVATIVE): "THE NEUTRON BOMB IS THE NEW HERO AND THE NEW VILLIAN...'A BOMB DESIGNED TO KILL ONLY ARMED FORCES,' SAY ITS DEFENDERS, 'AND THEREFORE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE THING TO THE IDEAL WEAPON.' 'A SUPERCAPITALIST BOMB,' SAY ITS DETRACTORS, 'THAT KILLS PEOPLE WHILE PRESERVING PROPERTY.'" CARRASCAL EXAMINES THE WEAPON FROM SEVERAL POINTS OF VIEW AND CONCLUDES: "WHO IS RIGHT? I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU ANSWER, AND WE HOPE THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO PROVE IT IN PRACTICE."

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2. JULY 20 DIARIO 16 (LEFT SENSATIONALIST) EDITORIAL: "ONE CANNOT SAY WHETHER IT IS MORE INCREDIBLE THAT HUMAN MINDS HAVE DREAMED UP SUCH AN INSTRUMENT THAT KILLS 'CLEANLY' OR THE FACT THAT HARDLY ANY REACTIONS OF PROTEST OR CONDEMNATION HAVE APPEARED...THE WORLD PRESS HAS PRINTED ONLY A FEW LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ONE OR ANOTHER ISOLATED PROTEST AGAINST SUCH A

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SHOW OF HYPOCRASY THAT THE GERMAN EGON BAHR CONSIDERS
A SAMPLE OF 'MENTAL PERVERSION.'

3. "POSSIBLY THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB
SERVES BETTER THAN ANY OTHER ANECDOTE TO MAKE THE
NECESSARY FRAMEWORK FOR THE UNUSUAL PRESIDENT CARTER,
WHO ARRIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE AS THE KNIGHT OF
MORALITY FACING THE TWISTINGS OF POLITICS. THE MOST
SURPRISING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERSONALITY OF THE
EX-PEANUT FARMER - LIKE THIS RELIGIOUS SEMIFANATICISM
THAT SHOWS ITSELF OFF LEFT AND RIGHT, OR THE DEFENSE
OF THE SOVIET DISSIDENTS EVEN AT THE COST OD DUMPING
DETENTE, AS GISCARD POINTED OUT - MAKE SENSE IN THE
SPECTRAL LIGHT OF THE NEUTRONS.

4. "IN CARTER IS PERHAPS FOUND THE CRAFTIEST DISCIPLE
OF MACHIAVELLI THAT UNTIL NOW HAS COME FORTH IN THE
UNITED STATES. AND THIS IS ALTHOUGH ANY READER FAMILIAR
WITH AMERICAN HISTORY KNOWS THAT UNDER THE SHELTER OF
THE GENEROUS LIBERAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS
THERE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THERE AN AMBITIOUS AND
SYSTEMATIC STRATEGY OF ACCUMULATION OF POWER ON A WORLD
SCALE. ALTHOUGH MACHIAVELLIANISM IS NOT UNKNOWN IN THE
UNITED STATES, CARTER APPEARS TO HAVE LEARNED BETTER THAN
ANYBODY THE FLORENTINE MAXIM THAT COUNSELS THE PRINCE
TO AN APPEARANCE OF KINDLINESS AS ONE OF THE MEANS OF
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ACHIEVING POWER AND MAINTAINING HIMSELF IN IT.

5. "THE ARGUMENTS OF THE DEFENDERS OF THE NEUTRON BOMB
ARE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CYNICISM THAT CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED
IN THE NAME OF HOLY DETERRENCE. TO DESIGN MORE REFINED
NUCLEAR ARMS WHILE SPEAKING OF ARMS REDUCTION DEMONSTRATES
THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE DELEGATES OF THE GREAT POWERS, OR
AT LEAST THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES, ATTEND TO THE
DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS, SUCH AS SALT. THE NEUTROM
BOMB IS AN EXAMPLE, SAY WHAT YOU WILL, OF THAT INVERSION
OF VALUES DENOUNCED BY BAHR: HUMAN LIFE IS WORTH LESS
THAN MATERIAL GOODS AND THEREFORE DESTROYING THE FORMER
AND NOT THE LATTER IS AN ADVENCE. GOD SAVE US FROM THE
'ADVANCES' OF CARTER IF THEY ARE ALL OF THIS TYPE.

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6. "MAXIMO" WRITES FOR THE 20-26 JULY WEEKLY BLANCO Y NEGRO (CONSERVATIVE), OPERATED BY THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS ABC: "THE BOMB OF MR. PEANUT: PRESIDENT CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SUBSIDIARIES, IN SPITE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO AN AGREEABLE AND HOMEY PEANUT FARMER, IS PREPARING US FOR AN EASY DEATH IN CASE OF EMERGENCY..."

7. THE WRITER DEVELOPS A PARAGRAPH ON NEUTRON RADIATION DEATH OF A TEST MONKEY AND CONTINUES: "WILL THE N BOMB BE TRIED OUT ONE DAY ON HUMAN MONKEYS? ONE HOPES SO, FOR THE GOOD OF SCIENCE... THE SOLDIERS OF THE WARSAW PACT COULD HAVE THE HIGH HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST GUINEA PIGS FOR THE N BOMB, SHORTLY AFTER THEIR LEADERS DECIDE TO INVADE THE WESTERN VINEYARDS...THE IDEAL, ACCORDING TO THE SPECIALISTS IN KILLING THE MOST PEOPLE IN THE SHORTEST
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TIME, WOULD BE TO FIRE AGAINST A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY TANKS...THIS WEAPON, THE NATO EXPERTS ASSURE US WITH GREAT NOBILITY, ONLY DESTROYS HUMAN MILITARY OBJECTS, WITHOUT IN THE LEAST HARMING THE CIVIL POPULATION, EXCEPT SOME LOST SHEEPHERDER... APPARENTLY THE EXPERTS IN QUESTION FORGET THAT ARMIES ARE LARGELY COMPOSED OF THE CIVIL POPULATION IN UNIFORM..."

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8. THE WRITER CALLS "THE EX-MINISTER OF DEFENSE SCHLESNINGHER, OR HOWEVER IT IS SPELLED...THE INDIVIDUAL MOST SIMILAR TO FRANKENSTEIN AND ALSO USELESS, BECAUSE OF DEFECTS, FOR EXPERIMENTS WITH THE CRITICISED NEUTRON... THE PEANUT FARMER CARTER, I MEAN THE PRESIDENT, WHO 'REPEATED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS HIS PACIFISTIC PROPOSALS,' HAS INDICATED THAT HE APPROVES THE SERIES PRODUCTION OF THESE MILITARY TOYS FOR ADULTS, ALTHOUGH, IN A FIT OF PHILOSOPHY, HE ADDED THAT HE MUST 'STUDY...REPORTS BEFORE TAKING THE DECISION ABOUT APPLICATIONS' OF THE INVENTION...' THE WRITER CONTINUES THUS FOR SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS.

9. LUIS MOLLA WRITES SIMILARLY FOR JULY 21-27 INTERVIU (LEFT SENSATIONALIST), ADDING AWACS, IRAN, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CRUISE MILLILE IN SARCASTIC ATTACK UPON U.S. PRESIDENT AND POLICIES. ITEM.RYLANCE

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